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- same date as, King Faruk,*
1. Prior to leaving Egypt for his current holiday in Europe, ~~the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem~~ ~~and told him that he wanted his support in returning Shukri al-QUNWATLI to the Syrian government.~~ The King explained to the Grand Mufti that both Egypt and Saudi Arabia were considering unofficial support of al-QUNWATLI, and that therefore they wished to have the Grand Mufti and his followers on their side.
  2. The Mufti refused, <sup>support,</sup> saying that he approved of the present government in Syria and that he would give no support to al-QUNWATLI. ~~After he drafted letters to Nasir al-QUDSI and Maruf DAHALIBI, in Syria, warning them of what the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian governments had in mind.~~

Field Notes:

- Paragraph 1: Al-QUNWATLI has been reported in RLB's-1775, 1827, etc.
- Paragraph 2: For Nasir al-QUDSI, see RLB's-288, 406, etc. For Maruf DAHALIBI, see RLB's-1933, 1958, etc.

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